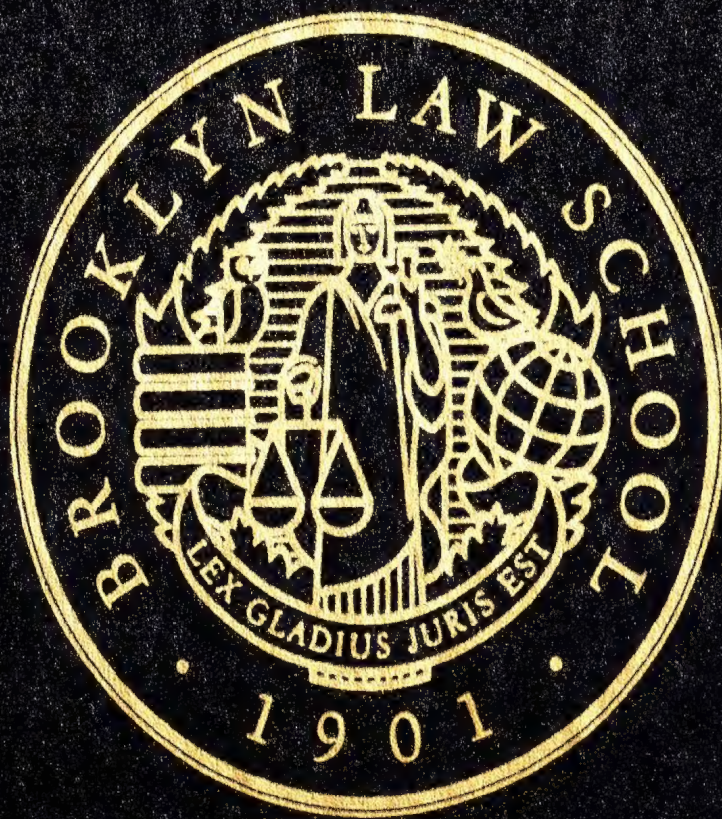


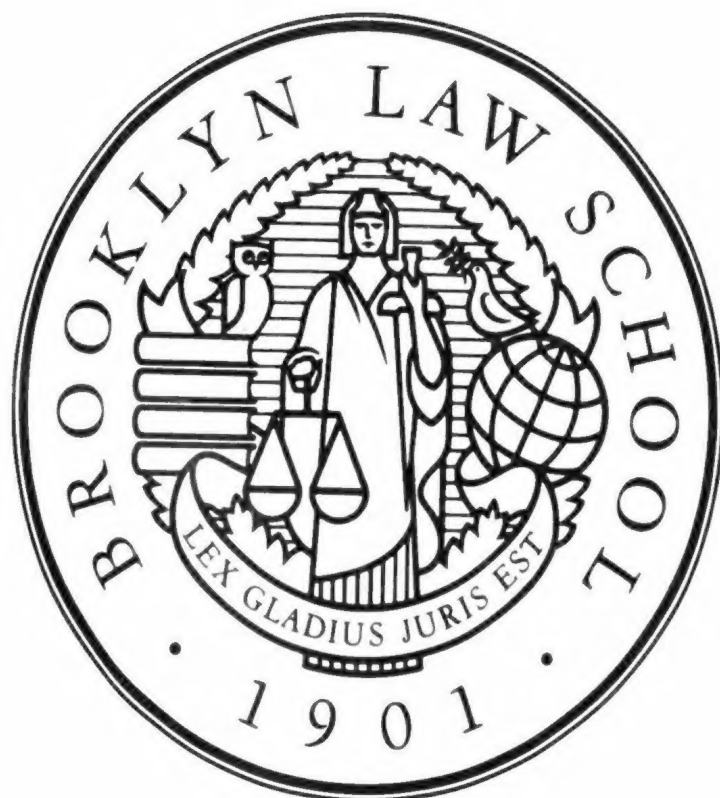
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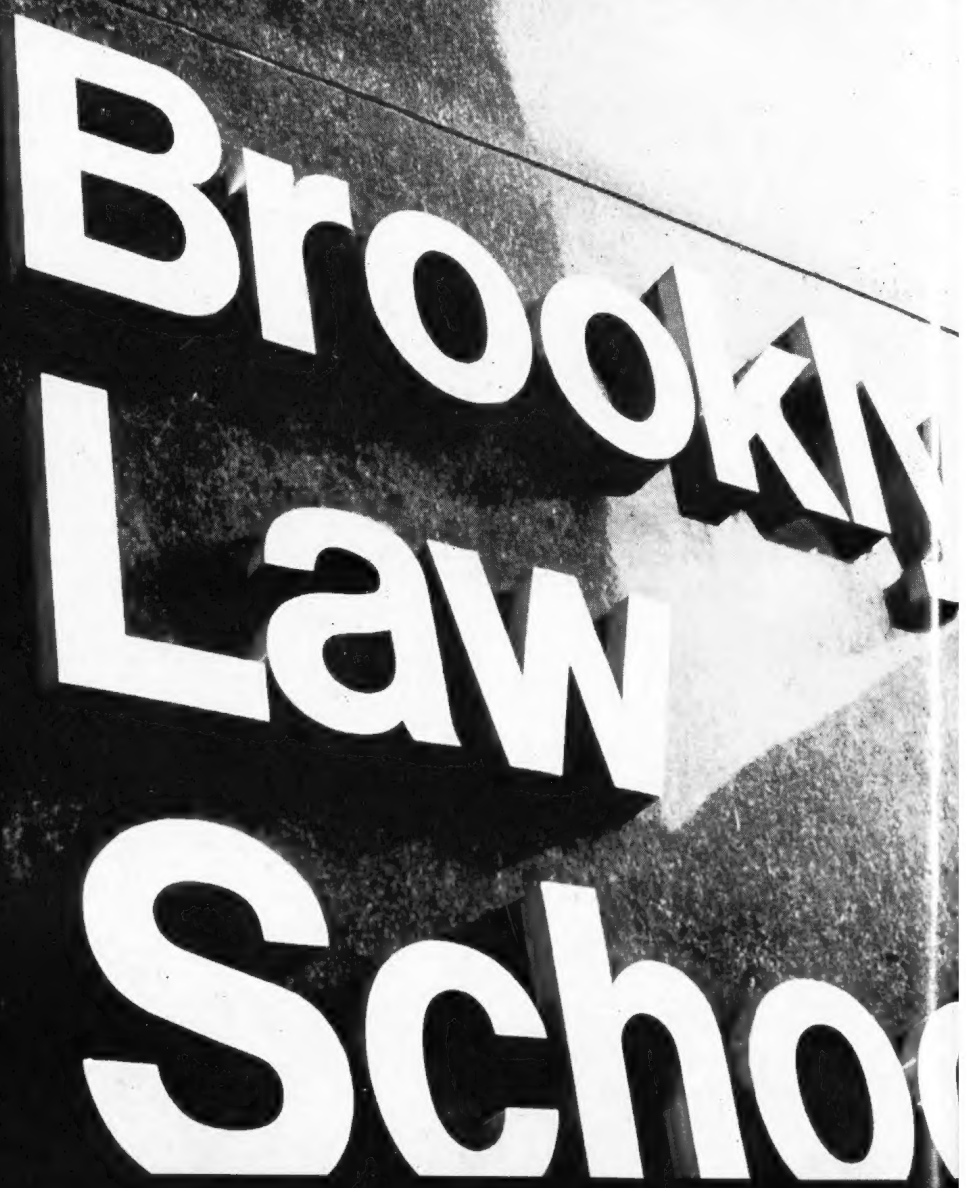
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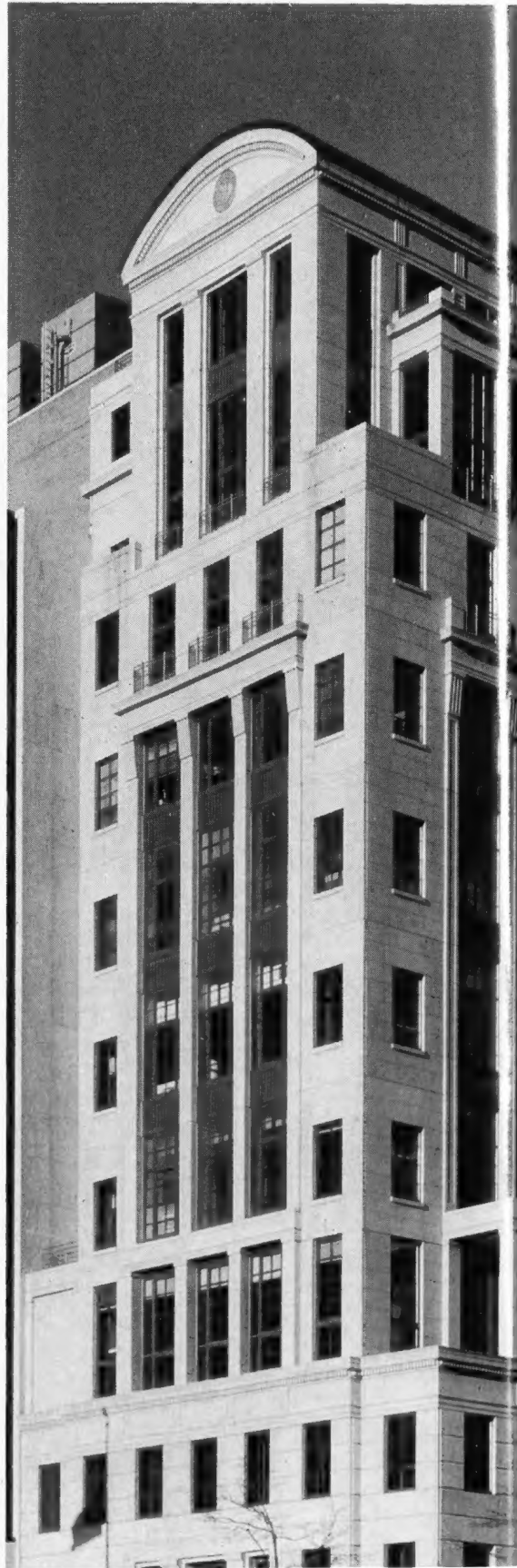
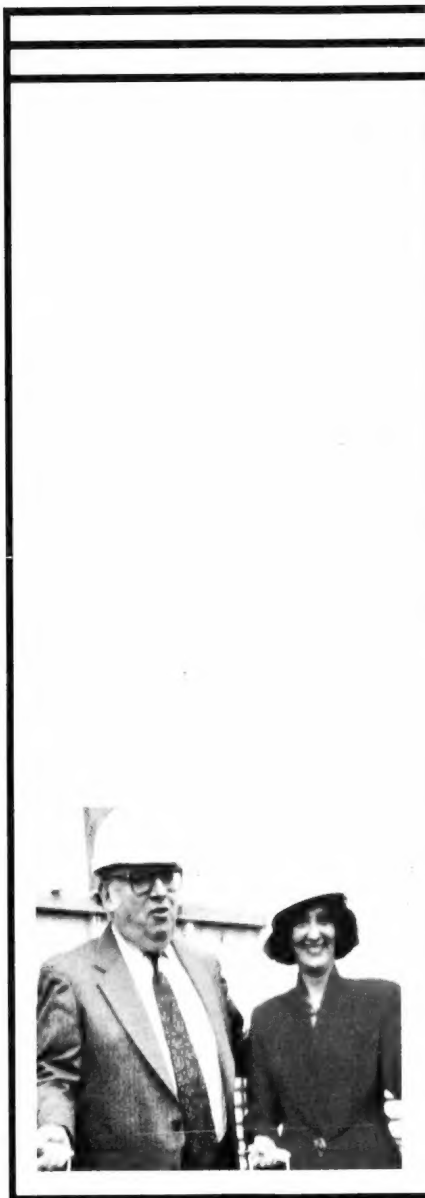
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A Look at BLS

Our school's history begins at an East Coast convention of commercial law school teachers. Attending the convention was William Payson Richardson, who taught law school in Maryland and Norman P. Heffley, who headed the Heffley Business School in Brooklyn. Heffley approached Richardson and invited him to join in establishing a law school in Brooklyn. Richardson traveled to New York, interviewed a number of lawyers and judges, and determined that there was a need for a "Brooklyn law school" and agreed to establish one.

Over the years, the aspirations of the school and its students began to

change. The school moved in and out of several buildings, all which were located within a few blocks of where we are today.

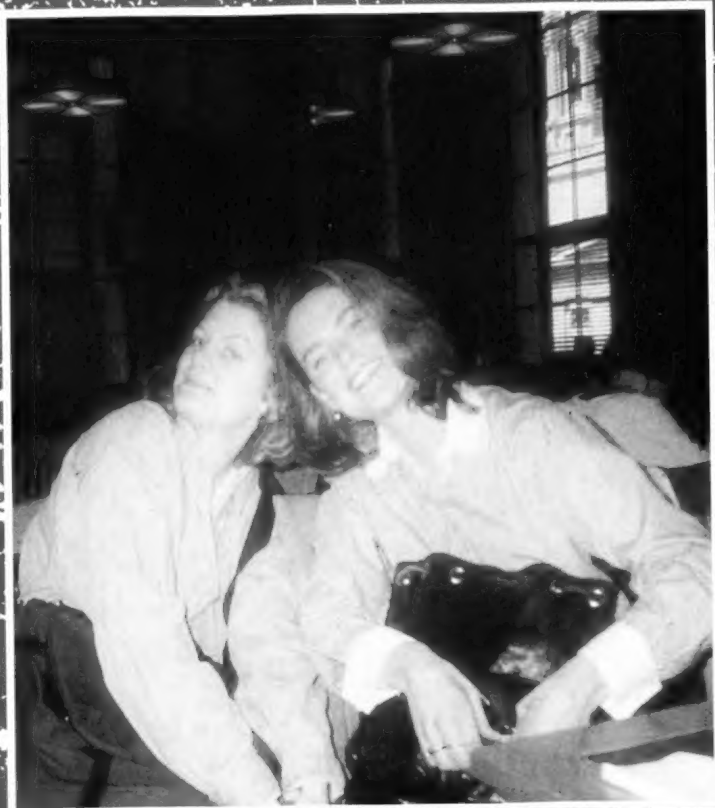
From its earliest days, Brooklyn Law School has occupied a special position among law schools, in part because of its tradition of diversity. Brooklyn Law School earned a reputation as a law school that provided an opportunity for law study to students who were denied admission to other law schools because of discriminatory practices. Many of these students women, recent immigrants, children of immigrants, members of racial and religious minorities — were destined to be the first professionals in their families.

Today, as BLS strives to increase its diversity, it boasts one of the highest female faculties in any law school.

Present and future graduates of Brooklyn Law School have been endowed with a rich history and tradition. This is exemplified by the many alumni who continue to distinguish themselves as judges, government officials, and practitioners. It is now our duty to preserve and carry forward this tradition.



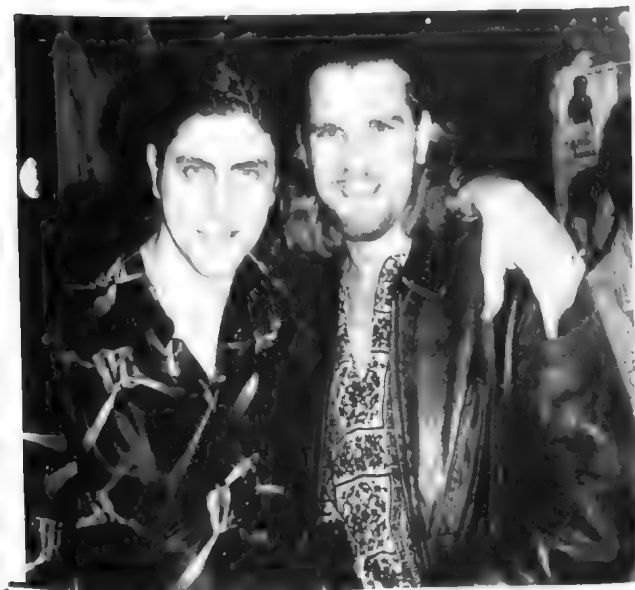


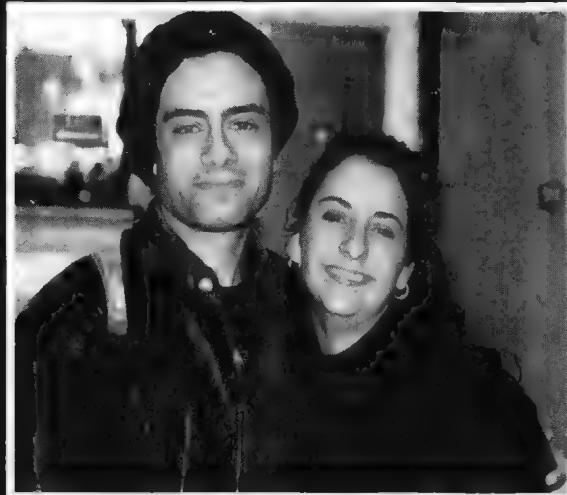
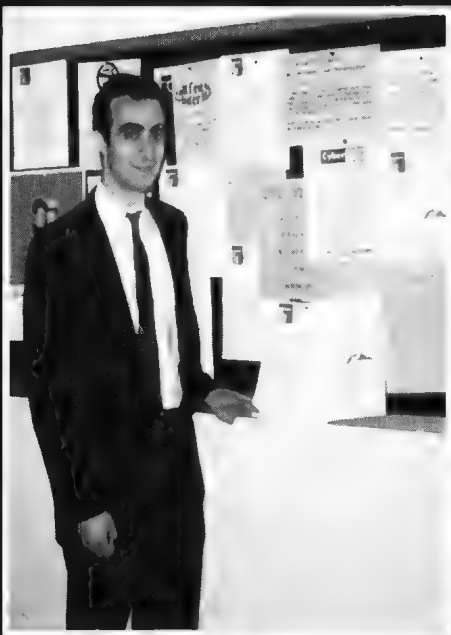
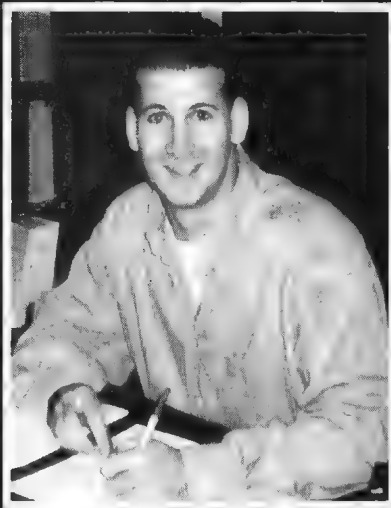


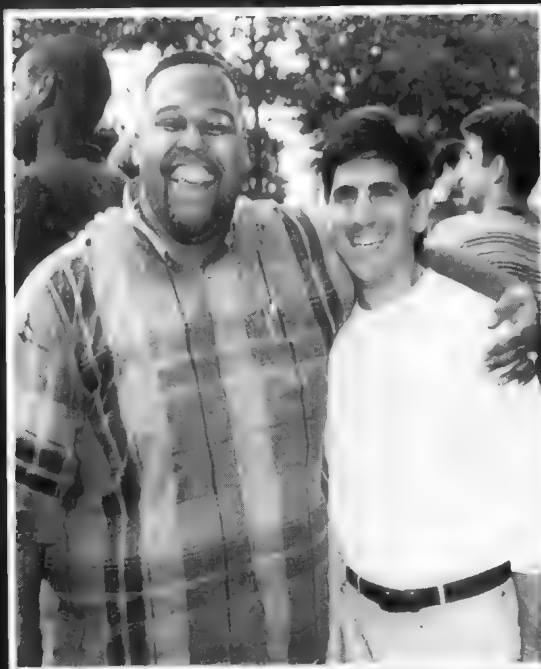


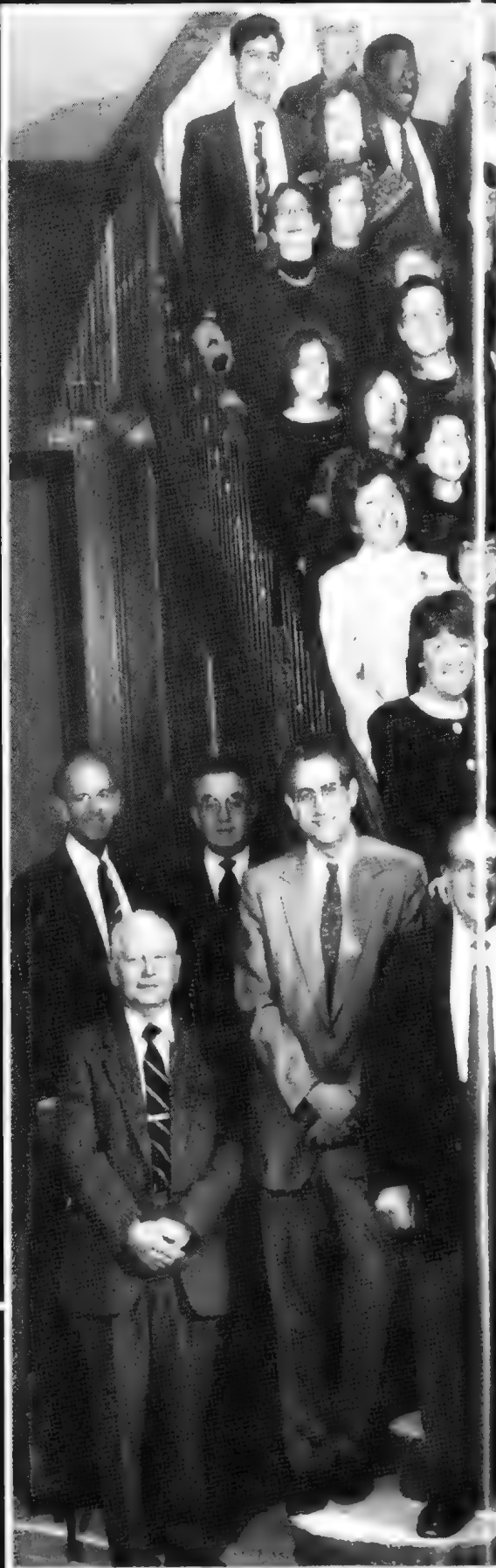
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DEAN'S ADDRESS

Dear Members of the Class of 1997:

On behalf of the faculty, administration, and staff, I want to congratulate you on your graduation from Brooklyn Law School. We know that the demands of law school have been immense, but that is precisely the same reason that you can take immense pride in your achievement.

This is, of course, a challenging time for the profession of which you are now a member. Yet, the range of functions lawyers perform has never been greater, and you will find that because you are a lawyer your power to influence the course of private lives and public affairs has never been greater. I am certain that you will be able to face these challenges with strength and grace and exercise your influence with care and responsibility because of the training that began here, at Brooklyn Law School.

Indeed, my sincerest wish is that a few years from now, when you reflect on your legal education, you will find that we did our best to instill in you a love of the law and commitment to what is best about the profession.

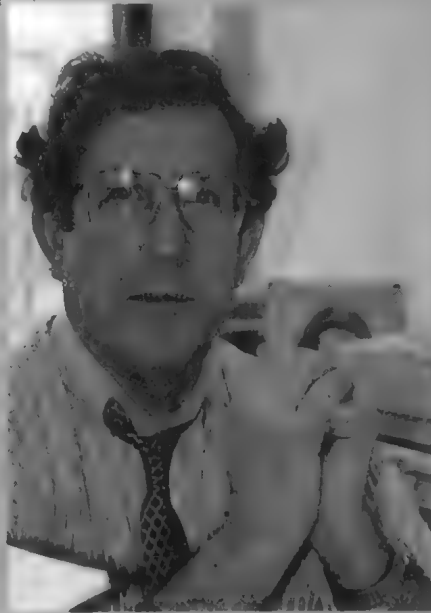
Now you are members of the Brooklyn Law School alumni family — a family that spans several generations and whose members can be found in law firms, government agencies, public interest law offices, and management suites across the country and around the world. There will be many “family gatherings” in the years to come, including Dean’s Day, class reunions, symposia and social events. We look forward to seeing you there.

With all best wishes,
Joan G. Wexler

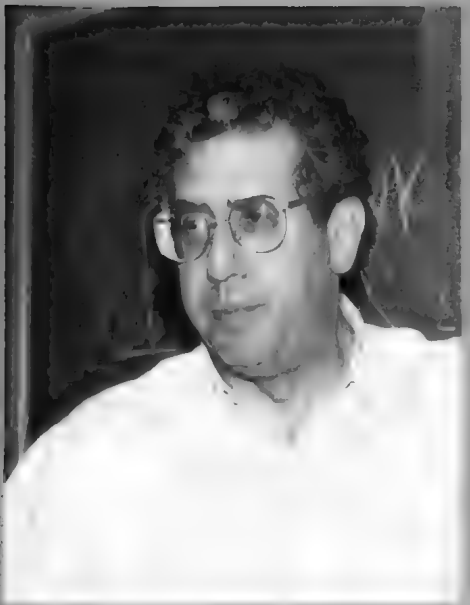
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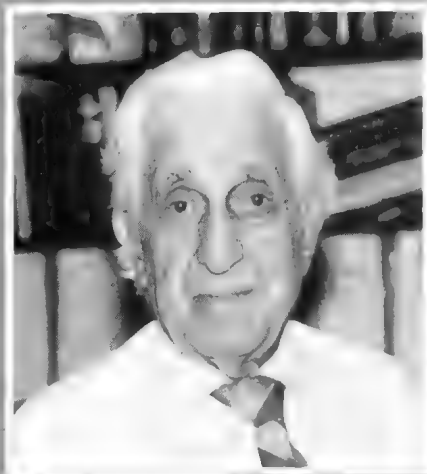


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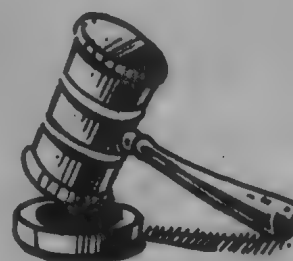
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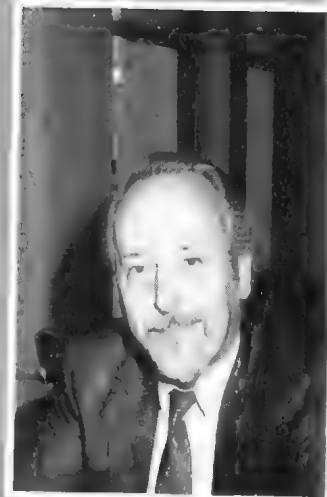


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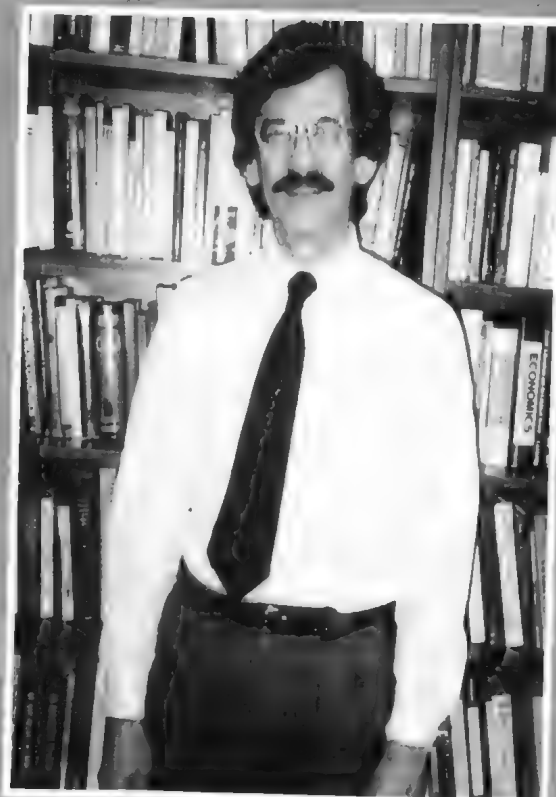
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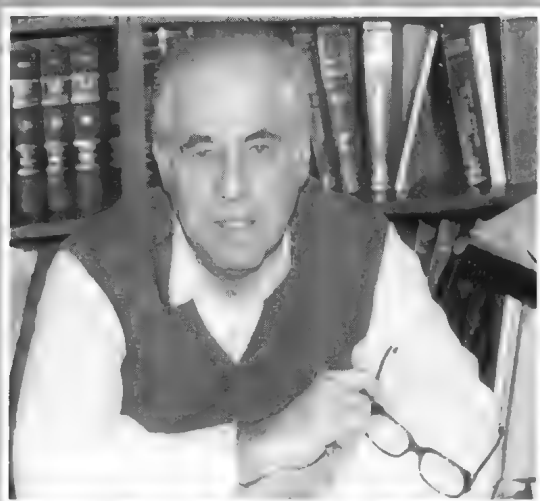
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A black and white photograph of a building's exterior. The image is taken from a low angle, looking up at a large, dark, rectangular sign mounted on the facade. The sign features the text "One Boerum Pl" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The letters are three-dimensional and appear to be illuminated from within. The building's architecture includes a large, light-colored window or glass panel above the sign, and a dark, textured wall to the left. The overall composition is dramatic, with strong contrasts between light and shadow.

One Boerum Pl

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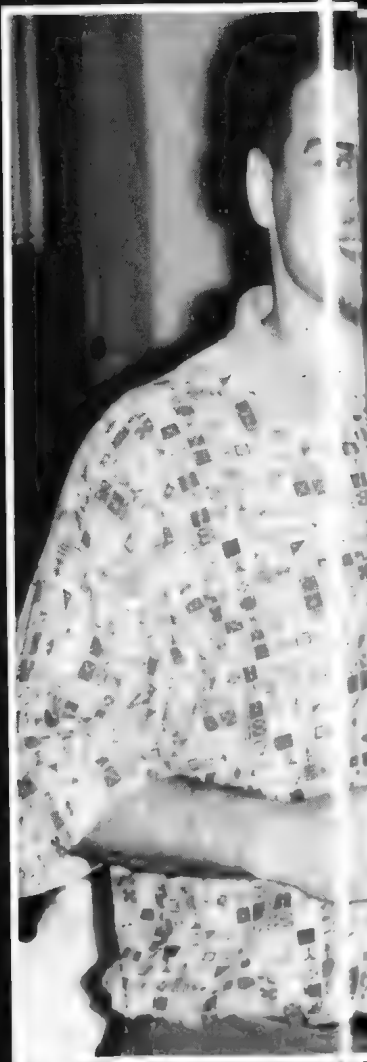
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ORGANIZATIONS



AALSA has been an active part of our school for nine years. The group was established to discuss the concerns and issues of Asian Americans in today's legal society, to induce awareness in law schools and the legal community for the need for legal representatives from the Asian American community, and to act as a representative body for Asian American law students at Brooklyn Law School. Its membership is open to all students and has been steadily growing from its inception.

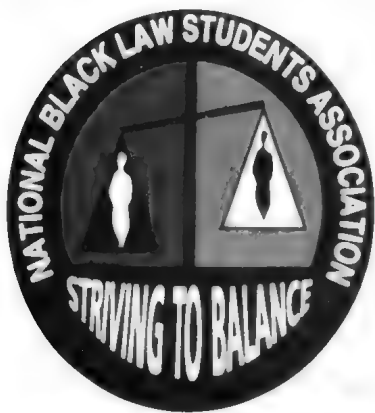
This past year, AALSA organized an intra-law school "Mentor-Mentee" program, for its first year students, career symposia, an Alumni Dinner and also a celebration for Korean Thanksgiving.

AALSA has provided for students to meet new friends, gain a support system, and create a dialogue on issues of common concern.

A.A.L.S.A.



B.L.S.A. BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION



BLSPI AUCTION



Brooklyn Law Students for the Public Interest was founded in 1990 to build awareness of and foster participation in the legal fields assisting underrepresented individuals. BLSPI sponsors evening symposia and a Brown Bag Lunch Series which faculty and outside practitioners discuss current topics and public sector job opportunities in the 90s.

BLSPI also throws the biggest party of the year, a fund raising auction, the proceeds of which go to sponsor full-time summer fellowships in public interest legal work at organizations such as the ACLU, Urban Justice Center, Legal Services and Lawyers for Children.



BROOKLYN LAW STUDENTS FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST

HELLENIC SOCIETY



The Hellenic Society is an organization dedicated to the appreciation and furtherance of Greek-American participation in the legal profession. The group offers its members insight into various opportunities that exist in the legal profession for Greek-American attorneys. We have had the privilege of hearing the Honorable Vasilios Arniotis of the Civil Court, Kings County, speak at BLS regarding such opportunities. We have also held many cultural events such as a Souvlaki and Wine party with Greek music.

IALSA is a group dedicated to the appreciation and furtherance of Italian-American participation in the American legal system. IALSA was re-born in the 1992-93 school year and has continued to grow since then. This year, IALSA has seen its members become involved in all facets of academic life. Not only are our members represented in the House of Delegates and the Executive Board of the SBA, but they also form a part of the journals of our school and also Moot Court. They also head various student organizations.

IALSA's most important concern is to the academic welfare of our students. We try to serve as an academic support system for our students as well as a network of friends that prove invaluable in the sometimes strange and cold environment of law school.



I.A.L.S.A.

ITALIAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION



JEWISH LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Jewish Law Students' Association is composed of law students who are interested in their Jewish faith and culture, as well as in legal issues that affect the Jewish community. Our events this past year included: traditional Friday night dinners at Congregation B'nai Avraham, parties for and lectures on certain Jewish holidays by Professor Aaron Twerski, an Israeli movie night, meetings with lawyers, and a Holocaust Remembrance Day event.



The Latin American Law Students Association represents part of the cultural diversity of Brooklyn Law School. As part of the group's continuing goal of increasing minority awareness, LALSA co-sponsors events with other student groups increasing awareness of race-related issues within the law. LALSA sponsors an Alumni Award dinner every spring as well as support programs for first year students.

In short, LALSA seeks to promote minority awareness, provide an academic support group and establish a continuing network of practicing Latino/a attorneys.



L.A.L.S.A.



LATIN AMERICAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION



PHI DELTA PHI LEGAL FRATERNITY



Phi Delta Phi is the oldest Professional fraternity in the Western hemisphere. The group is dedicated to the maintenance and improvement of legal standards and the ethical conduct of law students and lawyers. Five of the nine current U.S. Supreme Court Justices are Phi Delta Phi members. Phi Delta Phi has chartered 179 Student Inns in North, Central and South America since 1869.

The BLS chapter, known as Evarts Inn, was established in 1907. Evarts Inn sponsors community service projects, such as this year's charity book sale drives and holiday food drives. In addition, the Inn sponsors lectures and law school programs.



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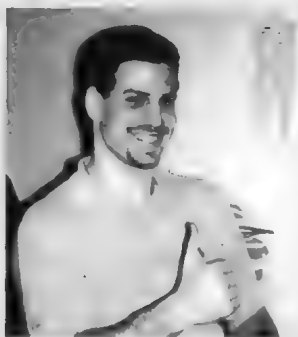
Since 1931, The Justinian has provided a forum for the Brooklyn Law School community. The history of the school as well as many events that transpired outside the school, both in the realm of law and in the larger society, can be found in the pages of The Justinian.

In August 1996, our efforts to provide an interesting forum on a wide variety of topics were recognized by the American Bar Association when we were awarded their nationwide Law Student Division Newspaper Contest Third Prize Award in the entire magazine category for our 1995-96 issues.

Alumni are encouraged to provide us with articles. Submissions that afford current law students the opportunity to learn how to avoid mistakes vicariously are especially appreciated!



STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION





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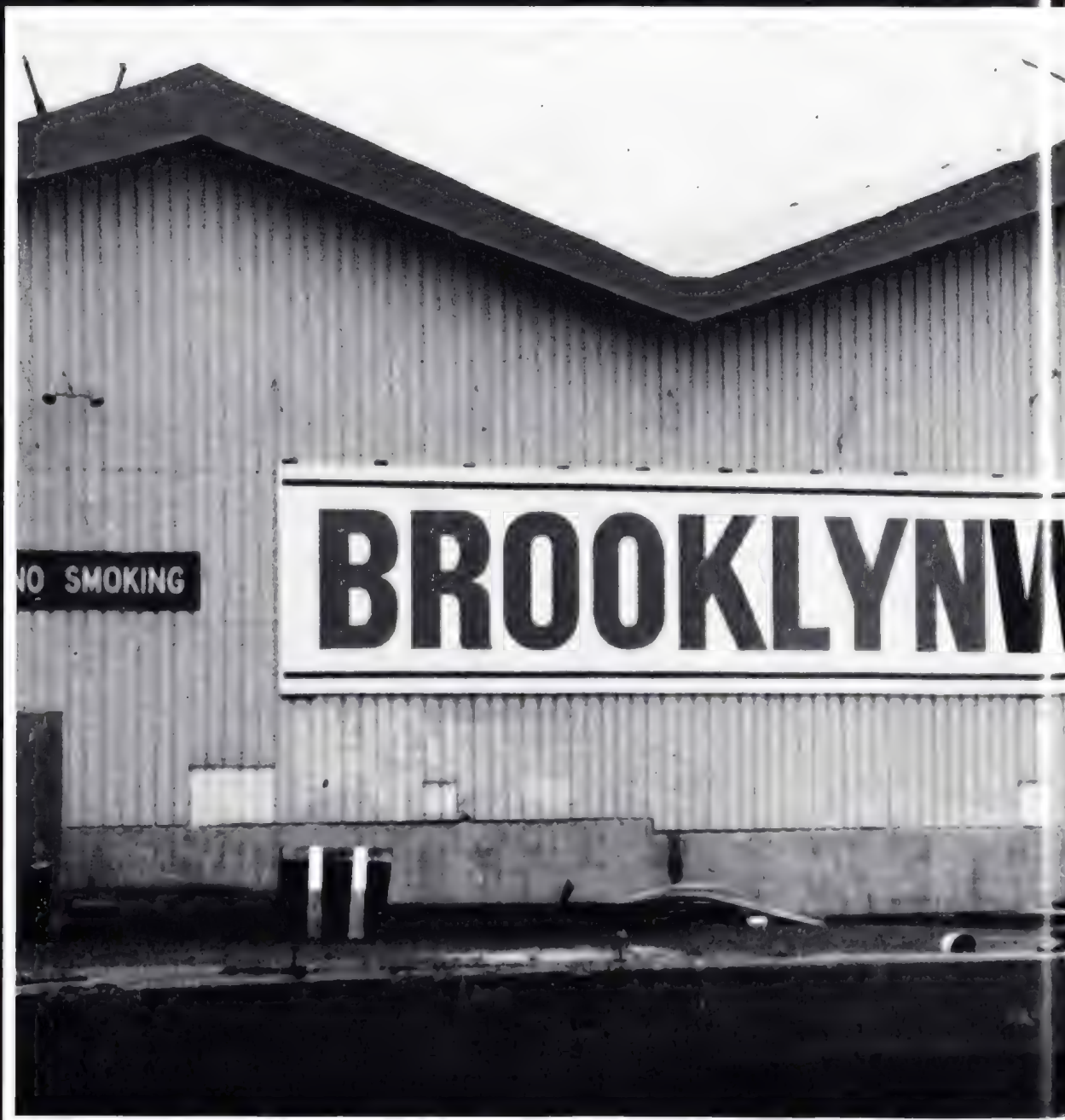
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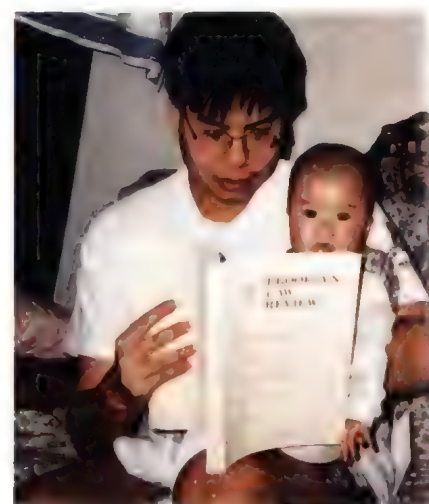
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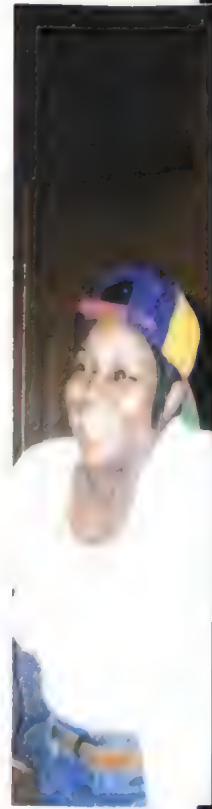
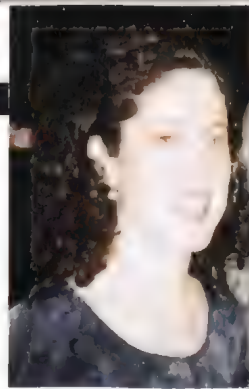
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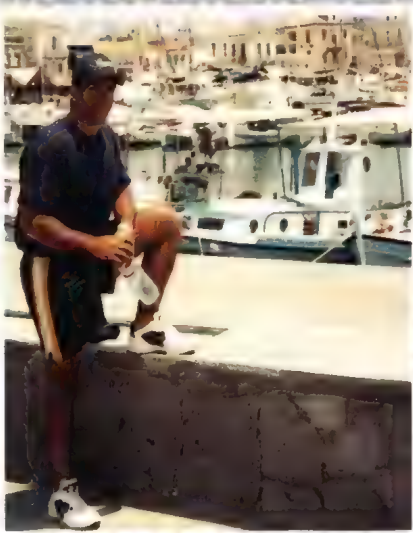


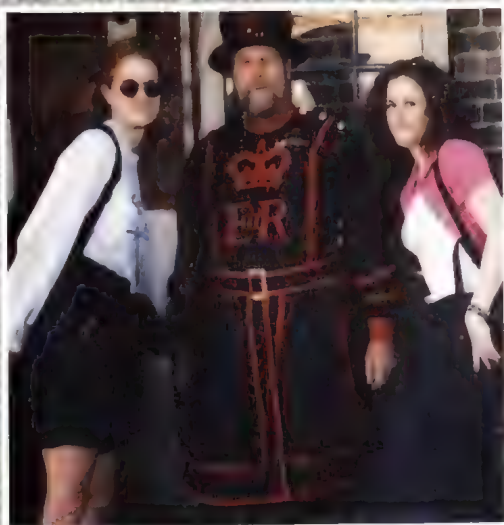






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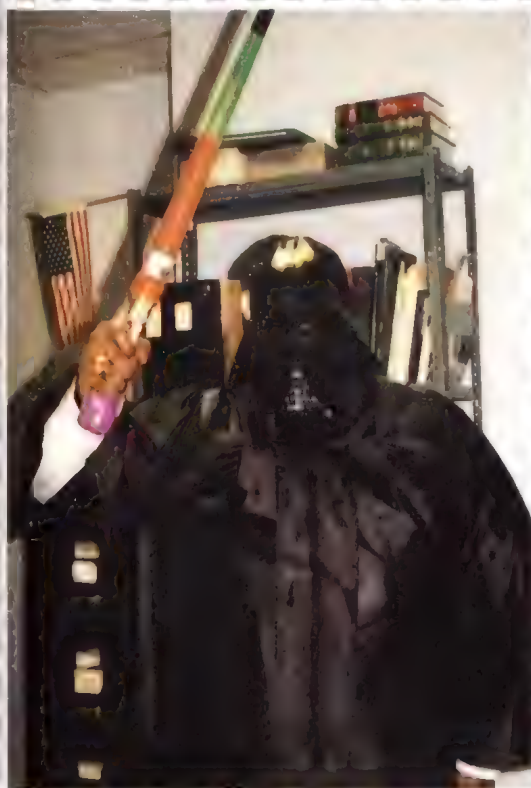






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OUT AND ABOUT









GRADUATES

There's another: why may not that be the skull of a lawyer? Where be his quiddities now, his quillities, his cases, his tenures, and his tricks? Why does he suffer this mad knave now to knock him the sconce with a dirty shovel, and will not tell him of his action of battery? Hum! This fellow might in's time a great buyer of land, with his statutes, his recognizances, his fines, his double vouchers, his recoveries: is this the fine of his fines, and the recovery of his recoveries, to have his fine pate full of fine dirt?

— Shakespeare
Hamlet



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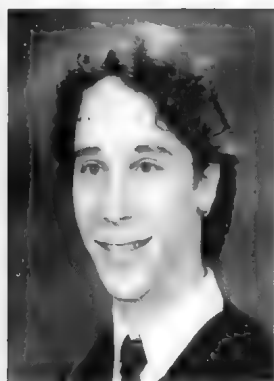
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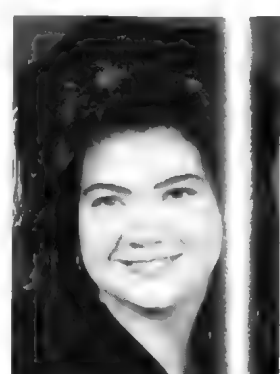
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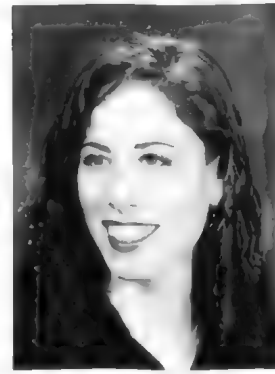
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This is why we do not permit a man to rule, but the law, because a man rules in his own interest, and becomes a tyrant; but the function of a ruler is to be the guardian of justice, and if of justice, then of equality.

— Aristotle
Nichomachean Ethics



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Amy
Firestone



John
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I know you lawyers can with
ease
Twist words and meanings as
you please;
That language, by your skill
made pliant,
Will bend to favor every client;
That 'tis the fee limits the sense
To make out either side's
pretense,
When you peruse the clearest
case,
You see it with a double face,
For skepticism's your
profession,
You hold there's doubt in all
expression.

Hence is the Bar with fees
supplied, —
Hence eloquence takes either
side;
Your hand would have but
paltry gleaning
Could every man express his
meaning.
Who dares presume to pen a
deed
Unless you previously are feed?
'Tis drawn, and to augment the
cost,
In dull proximity engrossed;
And now we're well secured by
law,
Till the next brother find a flaw.
— Benjamin Franklin





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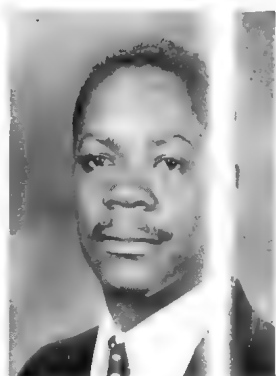
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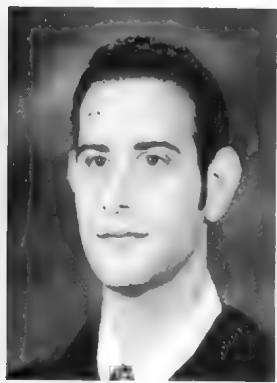
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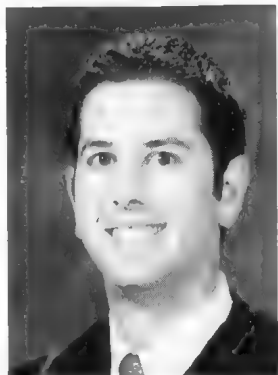
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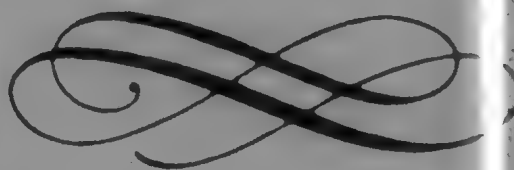
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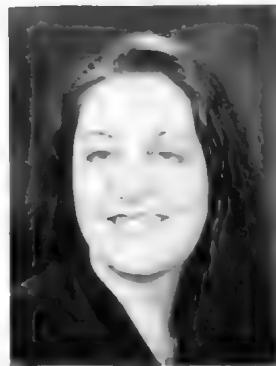
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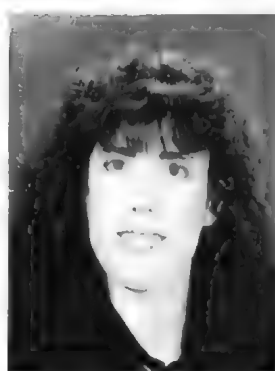
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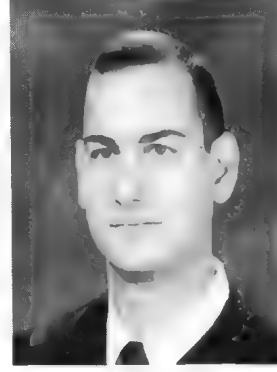
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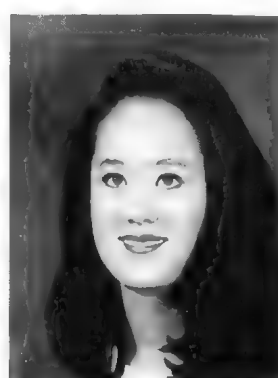
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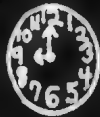


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"SONG OF LAW REVIEW"

*Oh, I was a bright law student,
My grades were good and high,
They said I'd make the Law Review
And now I'd like to die.*

*My eyes they burn, my head is dead,
But still I struggle through;
You aint read half what I have read
To do your work for you.*

*I have to read advance sheets
And show the faculty
The cases that they ought to read,
The points they ought to see.*

*Both courts and scholars listen
When I tell them so and thus;
You'll find me cited now as "Notes",
Now as "Anonymous".*

*So workers of the Law School world
While some strength still remains,
Arise, unite, demand a beer,
And slug 'em with your chains.*

KARL N. LEWELLEN

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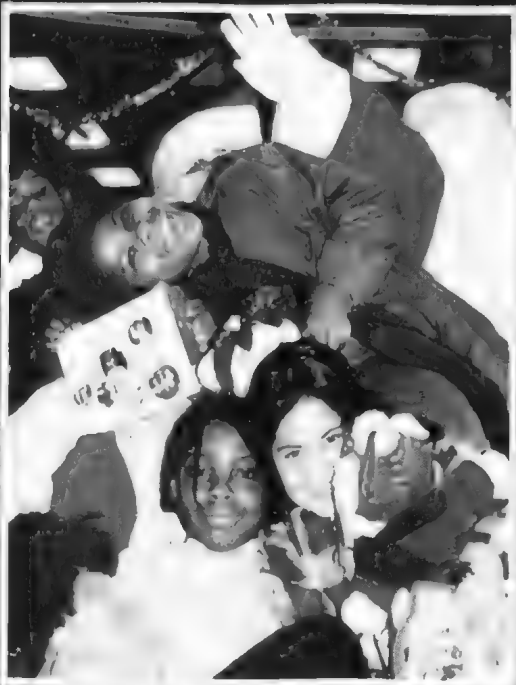


CURRENT EVENTS









*'Twas the weekend after finals
And throughout B.L.S.
Tired students took off
to begin their recess.*

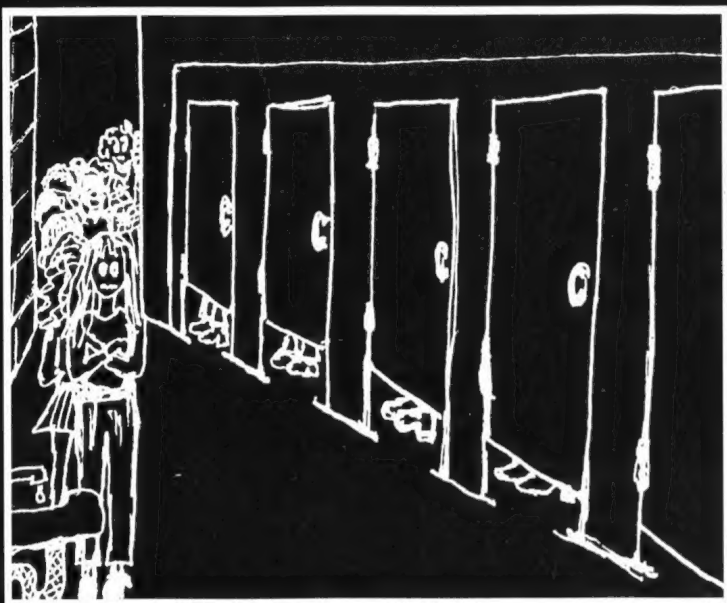
*But a spirited few decided to stay
To see that some homeless children
had a special holiday.*

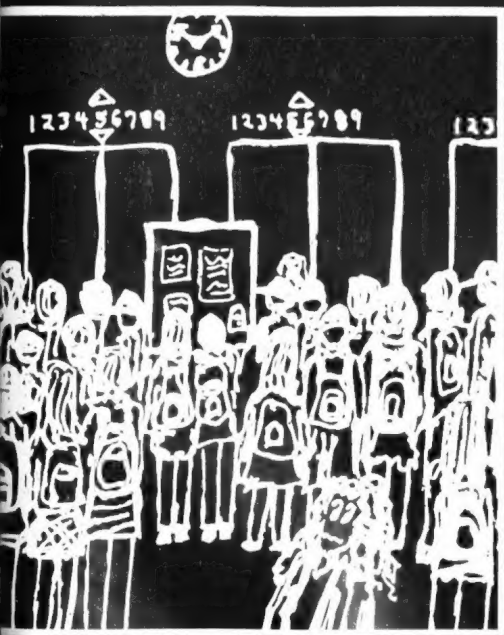
*They bought Barbies & baseballs
A teddy wrapped in a bow
Though they still could not find
a Tickle-Me-Elmo.*

*As they played with the kids
Who did appear?
But our own Santa (M. Baston)
who made the children cheer.*

*Students helping the community
While new friendships were made
Perhaps there are things more important
than a final grade.*

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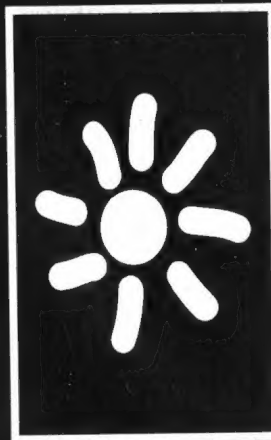
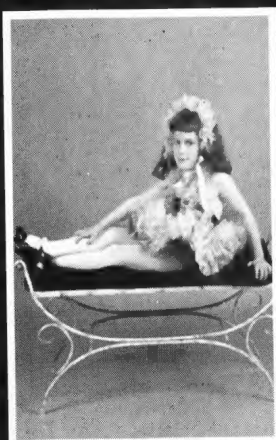
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... and
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